

Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2014

Board Present: Elmer Savage, Greg Grotton, James Justice, Lyle Cramer and Sara Moore;

Also Present: Jay Feyler, Jim Murphy, Doris Vertz and Merton Sawyer.

1. **Call Selectmen's Meeting to order:** by Chair at 6:30PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** given by all who wished.
3. **Public Comment:** Sally reported from Lynn Athearn on June 21st. at TCSW facility there would be a Household Hazardous Waste Day and this year there is no charge the Town will pay for it. He also asked that it be posted on the sign. Sally will provide more information about the time, waste limits etc. Mert asked the Board to consider putting a step in somewhere in the railing in front of the Common House of Pizza business. He said it has been mentioned to him several hundred times that we ought to have a step out there and it would be nice for my customers. He also mentioned that Russ Garner at ABC Welding said if we can get a step put in he would donate all the materials and do it all to State specs or Union specs and, would install it at no cost to Mert or to the Town. Greg said the step issue he doesn't think we can go any closer than what the railing is if we did it would require two steps and it would take it into parking spots. The Chair noted we have all looked at it and we've all come up with different ideas. The biggest problem he sees is putting a step right out into a parking spot. The discussion continued with the Board asking Code Enforcement to take a look at it and what the measurements should be for the step. Mert also asked if he could put picnic tables across the way on the grass so people could sit and eat over there. Greg mentioned we had a problem sometime ago with trash around here and some of it ended up being household trash. That's why we installed cameras

at Ayer Park. Greg motions that we give it a 30 day trial and if there are any problems whatsoever we'll withdraw the 30 day trial. Seconded by Jim Justice. Three oppose. (Savage, Cramer and Moore). Two for. (Grotton and Justice).

4. **Approve Minutes of May 20, 2014:** Motion made by James Justice to approve May 20, 2014 minutes. Seconded by Sara Moore. Unanimous.
5. **Approve Sand and Salt Bids:** Jay reported sand is up \$1.25 yd. along with Salt. Motion made by Lyle Cramer to approve Salt and Sand bids. Seconded by James Justice. Unanimous.
6. **Sand Salt Building estimates for moving building:** Jay received verbal estimates from Contractors. If the Board wants RFP's for firm prices it will take a few weeks. Lyle suggests we look at costs before we do this and the issue we faced before and that is about an engineer's certificate of approval, this building has been compromised already to the point where it couldn't be approved for insurance purposes. Elmer said because this is under a certain dollar amount that it probably wouldn't be an issue. Jay noted we are not required by law to use an engineering firm. Greg wants to keep the building and hates to see it demolished. Motion made by Greg Grotton to keep the building get firm prices to see just what it would cost to move it where it needs to go down there with 1ft. walls not 4ft. walls and we need to verify the fact that it would be an acceptable building if the engineers were to say yes it could be used and we could insure it. Elmer added and we'll have to add \$5000.00 for the engineer. Seconded by Sara Moore. Two for. (Grotton and Moore). Three opposed. (Savage, Justice and Cramer).
7. **Vote to move investment from Acadia to Machias Savings:** Jay noted he is not real happy with Acadia. They have taken some of our money and bought bonds at 1%. It is terrible business for them to do that when we could have put it in other investments and not tie us up for three to five years. We've lost money on those smaller scholarship investments. We want to move that money out now before they reinvest any more of it and do rfp's including all of the trust funds over the summer for the entire banking which we did four years ago. There are no fees in Machias Savings Bank, we're not making a whole heck of a lot .25 compared to minus but there are no fees. Under State Law your Treasurer has power of investments. Laura is very willing to work on this. Jay said he's been over this with our Auditor and Chris highly recommends this.

Motion made by James Justice to move investments from Acadia to Machias Savings. Seconded by Sara Moore. Unanimous.

8. **Sign Treasurers Warrant June 4, 2014:** Motion made by James Justice to Sign Treasurer's Warrant June 4, 2014. Seconded by Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.
9. **Other Business:** Board to sign Warden's Appointment. Motion made by Greg Grotton to sign Richard Niles Appointment as Election Warden. Seconded by Sara Moore. Unanimous.
10. **Town Managers Report:** Jay reported the School Election for June 10th has been cancelled due to an adding error. We will have a Special School Election on June 18th from 2:00 to 6:00PM. Cameras are up and operating at Ayer Park. Jay gave the first thumb drive to the Deputy yesterday of somebody who stuffed papers and cups in the grill we'll see if the DA will prosecute that small amount of trash.
11. **Selectmen's Report:** Greg asks status on Gazebo. Jay said they are supposed to start this week and be done by Founder's Day. Greg addressed the mowing complaints. He's all for the mowers 100% they did their job we can't control the weather when it rains you can't mow and when the sun comes out the grass grows. He is glad to see in reading the different letters from the mowing company they are going to work on it. Jay has been talking with them to include the piles of grass after it rains that gets left on the lawns. Elmer announced this Selectmen's Meeting tonight is his last as Chairman of the Board.
12. **Future Agenda Items:** there was none.
13. **Adjourn:** Motion made by James Justice to adjourn at 8:00PM. Seconded by Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.

These minutes were approved on June 17, 2014 with the following amendments.